

the time has come to forge a new policy that provides direct access for labor, environmental health, and safety concerns to be addressed in negotiating future trade agreements.

Those of us who opposed fast track did not do so because we oppose expanded trade but because the pending legislation gives Congress only one vote on trade legislation that may have profound impact on American workers and the quality of our lives.

If the President were to embrace trade procedures that require consideration of labor and environmental standards followed by adequate enforcement and then subject the negotiated agreement to congressional approval, I believe the President's trade agreements would pass in Congress with a large consensus.

I am sending a letter today to the President and will ask support from my colleagues who opposed fast track to discuss and explore alternatives which properly balance expanded trade and the preservation of American values.

DOES THE WHITE HOUSE TAKE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR FOOLS?

(Mr. SOLOMON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, as we race toward adjournment tomorrow night, and I think we will, let me just say that if I may use the words of the President this past weekend, I think we have another case of a no-brainer. If we have a political party that suddenly discovers after an election that over \$3 million in campaign contributions has to be returned because it came from foreign sources and everyone is taking the fifth amendment because no one wants to talk about it, that is a no-brainer that something is very wrong, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, does the White House really take the American people as fools? Thirty-nine House and Senate witnesses, beginning with John Huang and Mark Middleton, are taking the fifth; 11 witnesses, beginning with Charlie Trie and Pauline Kanchanalak, have left the country; 11 foreign witnesses, beginning with Stephen and James Riady, refuse even to be interviewed. Why would we not conclude that they have something to hide?

If 70 people have taken the fifth or fled the country about raising Chinese money, why would anyone not conclude that crimes have been committed by someone?

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION CALLING FOR RESOLVING PEACEFULLY THROUGH DIPLOMATIC MEANS THE SITUATION IN IRAQ

(Mr. LANTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, as divided as this House was on fast track, we are as united on the subject of dealing with Iraq. Today, I am introducing a resolution supported by Members across the political spectrum which has a message for Saddam Hussein in Baghdad.

At the conclusion of the gulf war, the United Nations decided to find and to destroy all of Iraq's capability to produce chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons and the missiles capable of delivering them.

For 6½ years, Iraq has pursued a policy of deception, lies, concealment, harassment, and intimidation in a deliberate effort to hamper the work of the inspectors designed to eliminate Iraq's ability to produce weapons of mass destruction.

Recently Iraq has escalated its non-compliance by refusing to permit United States citizens of the inspection team from carrying out their responsibility.

My resolution calls for resolving peacefully, through diplomatic means, this matter with full Iraqi compliance. Short of that, my resolution calls for military action undertaken under the broadest feasible multinational basis, preferably under United Nations' auspices, and, if necessary, my resolution calls for the United States to take military action to assure the destruction of Iraq's capability to produce and deliver weapons of mass destruction.

EASIER TO FIND ELVIS THAN A GOOD FACTORY JOB HERE IN AMERICA

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, Kodak is laying off 10,000 workers. Now if that is not enough to overexpose your most recent negative, Fruit of the Loom is cutting 3,000 jobs and moving to Mexico. Unbelievable. It is getting easier to find Charlie Trie and Elvis than it is to find a good factory job here in America.

Beam me up. I think it is time for Congress to ask themselves a very simple little commonsense question: If our trade program is so great, why does Japan not do it? Think about that.

I yield back all the balance of jobs and say one last thing here. From snapshots to long Johns, American workers just keep getting their assets kicked.

IT IS TIME FOR A NEW TRADE POLICY THAT BRINGS PROSPERITY TO OUR COUNTRY

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, the defeat of fast track trade authority earlier this week could perhaps mark a turning point for new trade policy in this country, a trade policy finally in

the favor of the vast majority of Americans as opposed to a few multinational corporations, and foreign interests have been doing so well with our failed trade policy. As my colleagues know, our trade policy has not changed one bit since World War II, not one bit.

Despite 50 years of dramatic changes in the world economy, we have gone from being the world's greatest creditor nation to the world's greatest debtor nation in international trade. We have seen our standard of living erode, we have lost our industrial base, and the defenders of the so-called free trade policy say, well, it is working exactly as we intended. Well, what do we intend; \$160 billion trade deficit this year? Is that what we intend? Is that a success? No.

Fast track was the last gasp for the apologists for a failed and archaic trade policy. It is time for a new trade policy that brings prosperity to this country, projects our values in terms of the environment, projects our values in terms of worker safety and standard of living.

Once again, America should stand tall and lead the world to a prosperity for all of us, not just a select few.

PASS THE TOUGH PRUDENT BUDGET OF THE D.C. APPROPRIATION BILL

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I am asking for a bipartisan vote for the D.C. appropriation.

There are issues in this bill I would change, and my colleagues may feel the same. But Congress is not a consensus organization. Moreover, this is not Congress' money. There is only a token amount of Federal money in this appropriation, and that is mostly from the D.C. rescue package, not new money.

Imagine how it would feel if my colleagues had to come before this body to get permission to spend money raised by their taxpayers at home.

The issues that divided the House into two camps, such as vouchers, are gone. So are some items that would cripple the control board and management reform.

I agree with Mr. TAYLOR and Mr. DAVIS and some of the criticisms that they have of the control board in the District. I am most willing to work with them.

This is a tough, prudent budget of the kind the Congress has demanded. The District has accepted it. Let us pass it.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.